

Application No.: 10/811,882
Amendment dated: October 12, 2004
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REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to improve the clarity of the claimed subject matter and to bring the claims into conformity with U.S. practice and format, and to place the application fully in condition for allowance. The original Abstract has been amended to provide a more concise summary of the disclosure in accordance with U.S. practice format.

The drawings are objected to because the claimed central indent is now shown in the drawings. Accordingly, a replacement sheet is submitted herewith which shows reference numeral 34 as being the central indent. The specification has been corrected to include this reference numeral. No new matter has been entered. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

The specification is objected to due to informalities. Accordingly, the specification has been amended to correct informalities, improve syntax and correct spelling errors, and in accordance with U.S. practice and format. No new matter has been entered. In view of the amendments to the specification, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 remain pending upon entry of the amendments to the claims above.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-5 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, the claims have been amended to place same in full accord with all requirements of 35 USC 112, second paragraph. It is respectfully believed that claims 1-5 are now in condition for allowance.

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Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. With regard to independent claim 1, the Examiner indicated that the tail end centering device (line 21) does not have proper antecedent basis, and the phrase "composed by" (line 21) is vague and indefinite. Accordingly, independent claim 1 has been amended to include proper antecedent basis for the "tail end centering device," and the phrase "composed by" has been replaced with "comprising". Independent claim 1 has further been amended to correct errors in syntax. In view of the amendments to independent claim 1, withdrawal of the rejection based on 35 USC 112, second paragraph, is requested.

In the event there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application which can be resolved by a telephone call or facsimile communication to Applicant's Attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone or facsimile at the numbers provided below.

Respectfully submitted,
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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please enter the appended Replacement Sheet containing Figures 2 and 3.